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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RECOVER MOMENTUM, REACH 14-MONTH HIGH

NEW YORK, March 20 - - With a 14.7 per cent increase, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities surged to \$2,986,549,135 in August, the heaviest volume in fourteen months, reports Dun & Bradstreet. This marked recovery from a slump to a three-month low of \$2,680,322,050 in July. As well, permit issuances jumped 42.5 per cent above the previous year's \$2,096,290,105 in the comparable month.

In the 199 cities outside New York, there was a 12.2 per cent rebound during August to \$2,875,252,075 in permits issued builders from \$2,562,548,288 in the preceding month. Giving a big boost to the month's total were Seattle, San Francisco, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, Houston and Columbus. As well, permits in the 199 cities climbed above the previous year's level at more than double the July rate, jumping 42.0 per cent above the \$2,024,596,993 in August 1978.

In contrast to the general rebound, plans filed by builders in New York continued to sag for the second month in a row, dipping 5.5 per cent to \$111,297,060 from \$117,773,762 a month earlier. However, filings in New York bulked more than half again as large as in the like month of the preceding year when the total came to \$71,693,112.

An aggregate of \$19,610,685,128 building permits were issued in the 200 largest cities during the first eight months of 1979, an advance of 14.7 per cent from \$17,103,568,642 in the comparable period a year earlier. The dollar valuations of permit issuances more than doubled in Atlanta and Boston. In addition, climbs in the 40 to 60 per cent range were noted in Seattle, Houston, New Orleans and San Antonio.

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2. AUGUST BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES 1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	\$ 1,746,778,126	\$ 1,555,200,317	\$ 1,155,317,475	\$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	\$	\$25,466,047,087	\$20,994,132,022	\$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first eight months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Eight Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1. Houston, Texas.....	1561.3	+ 49.5
2. Los Angeles, California.....	1087.2	+ 12.4
3. Dallas, Texas.....	662.6	+ 18.2
4. New York, New York.....	609.3	+ 23.3
5. Chicago, Illinois.....	517.8	+ 37.3
6. Phoenix, Arizona.....	473.4	+ 27.2
7. San Diego, California.....	396.4	- 24.6
8. Seattle, Washington.....	349.5	+ 67.2
9. Atlanta, Georgia.....	343.6	+ 131.8
10. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	331.0	+ 46.1
11. San Francisco, California.....	321.2	- 13.8
12. San Jose, California.....	319.6	+ 30.4
13. Austin, Texas.....	294.1	+ 21.3
14. Columbus, Ohio.....	258.7	- 24.6
15. Boston, Massachusetts.....	254.0	+ 129.9
16. Denver, Colorado.....	253.5	+ 27.7
17. San Antonio, Texas.....	233.9	+ 40.9
18. Fort Worth, Texas.....	224.7	+ 24.2
19. Indianapolis, Indiana.....	220.0	- 46.3
20. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	219.9	+ 6.6
21. Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	213.5	+ 22.3
22. New Orleans, Louisiana.....	212.8	+ 44.3
23. Arlington, Texas.....	210.0	+ 8.8
24. Sacramento, California.....	200.1	+ 36.4
25. Nashville, Tennessee.....	188.4	+ 11.5

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		AUGUST 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1978	RANK BY SIZE		AUGUST 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*				101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.....	4,025,891	11,624,876	45,401,930
	MANHATTAN.....	55,812,350	288,331,295	295,572,380	102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.....	3,800,750	14,084,945	15,190,104
	33rd F., 100th.....	79,230,133	392,296,133	51,480,540	103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.....	2,538,870	142,145,489	158,965,969
	BROOKLYN.....	7,999,710	101,703,990	65,633,053	104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.....	5,797,545	28,598,415	28,566,490
	QUEENS.....	6,517,173	68,984,058	30,379,078	105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.....	10,549,400	72,998,900	64,071,300
	RICHMOND.....	5,137,727	77,230,765	51,014,692	106.	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. CAR.....	6,341,957	41,949,950	51,460,749
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY...	111,297,060	609,289,231	494,080,343	107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.....	5,980,456	70,416,773	54,729,400
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.....	79,710,955	917,833,127	377,108,756	108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.....	12,855,937	90,681,475	67,882,813
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.....	177,674,489	1,087,158,253	966,806,963	109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN.....	5,295,768	45,648,560	30,563,678
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PA.....	27,614,692	166,148,505	170,538,057	110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.....	5,075,189	17,766,269	10,627,571
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN.....	11,920,817	123,373,588	111,415,195	111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS.....	5,936,590	54,110,781	84,154,348
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS.....	156,245,836	1,561,295,280	1,044,693,070	112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS.....	3,784,015	36,264,874	46,508,862
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.....	1,935,753	106,749,182	158,540,439	113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.....	29,245,376	166,232,147	117,714,158
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS.....	56,809,452	662,629,876	560,447,113	114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.....	1,784,953	32,853,638	17,677,078
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.....	6,951,115	182,592,221	140,935,079	115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS.....	11,024,285	36,545,151	24,625,602
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO.....	9,574,485	69,508,513	48,996,877	116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA.....	2,636,297	36,701,923	42,705,740
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.....	31,377,186	220,019,994	409,631,961	117.	MACON, GEORGIA.....	3,970,821	40,690,165	27,956,455
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.....	15,822,099	102,327,421	97,054,948	118.	RALEIGH, N.C. CAR.....	13,394,496	88,973,602	82,372,043
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.....	131,013,459	321,195,801	372,639,861	119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA.....	10,253,157	32,586,171	31,085,518
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.....	70,889,582	396,375,334	525,922,390	120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.....	14,671,801	64,656,527	58,296,558
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.....	37,923,824	233,917,972	165,976,977	121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.....	3,069,761	48,691,115	58,448,439
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.....	82,691,000	254,032,237	110,491,800	122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.....	2,933,257	28,340,872	9,687,982
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.....	12,546,161	127,056,718	136,648,830	123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.....	1,269,593	12,424,316	12,625,679
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.....	16,642,199	66,967,633	71,240,913	124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA.....	6,544,776	54,962,393	90,218,533
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.....	21,041,698	212,813,802	147,503,702	125.	SEABOARD, TEXAS.....	7,841,085	55,415,311	51,406,280
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA.....	64,752,242	473,395,393	372,257,833	126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK.....	4,445,559	15,142,391	9,412,403
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO.....	68,704,174	258,739,680	343,553,552	127.	COLUMBIA, S.C. CAR.....	1,245,500	12,285,830	29,610,290
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.....	123,997,826	349,452,845	209,056,447	128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.....	5,688,299	51,100,227	45,519,130
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.....	37,142,314	150,947,944	154,583,387	129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.....	2,009,400	5,844,439	4,971,467
24.	FITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.....	5,823,458	91,152,545	59,298,627	130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.....	2,611,984	22,712,106	29,588,383
25.	DENVER, COLORADO.....	76,511,815	253,450,765	198,468,522	131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA.....	2,351,876	17,069,663	15,452,661
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.....	20,193,665	124,596,389	107,631,453	132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.....	2,451,477	16,418,860	44,829,792
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA.....	27,282,630	343,574,869	146,205,189	133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.....	5,960,858	47,739,652	47,711,774
28.	SUFFALO, NEW YORK.....	3,364,201	22,674,570	24,557,264	134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN.....	7,676,889	71,378,507	42,619,552
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO.....	14,911,279	107,236,418	99,335,020	135.	DAYTON, OHIO.....	1,043,627	23,215,716	15,666,258
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.....	16,725,598	188,376,189	168,988,573	136.	ALLENDALE, PENNSYLVANIA.....	3,733,655	15,393,995	10,018,054
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.....	60,116,454	319,648,132	245,113,156	137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.....	15,092,310	99,439,663	40,032,307
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.....	9,145,462	167,196,029	150,947,124	138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.....	20,720,239	98,354,575	99,494,905
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS.....	40,096,362	224,737,936	190,947,564	139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT.....	1,336,820	9,376,964	9,153,260
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO.....	18,457,487	81,010,207	59,310,747	140.	HANDS, INDIANA.....	856,413	26,750,230	7,818,358
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON.....	23,733,185	169,582,986	160,919,420	141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.....	14,936,732	110,409,669	115,677,499
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.....	987,519	16,935,734	14,117,672	142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.....	3,276,938	62,673,664	57,525,661
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.....	29,986,296	219,855,600	206,366,457	143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.....	384,123	4,462,684	4,562,558
38.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.....	22,654,864	76,431,610	97,105,908	144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CA.....	5,441,207	47,955,272	48,423,856
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.....	14,207,511	24,979,278	59,982,000	145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN.....	13,481,365	105,922,021	35,859,470
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.....	13,540,224	76,101,611	51,946,460	146.	SCARSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA.....	585,874	5,504,643	11,766,898
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA.....	11,275,770	83,079,131	55,147,785	147.	CANON, NEW JERSEY.....	138,273	2,585,519	16,100,400
42.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.....	1,577,170	170,577,141	41,131,201	148.	MIAMI, FLORIDA.....	878,912	33,407,086	12,460,847
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA.....	25,994,522	178,239,052	140,281,736	149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS.....	628,320	7,560,272	6,444,646
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII.....	61,840,757	331,014,273	226,569,496	150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA.....	1,320,000	121,201,900	108,194,400
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS.....	39,956,401	167,141,359	163,511,968	151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA.....	3,499,305	18,443,681	15,191,950
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.....	23,944,065	102,703,456	81,897,936	152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.....	3,662,108	25,393,229	18,141,615
47.	NEWARK, VIRGINIA.....	4,435,419	51,692,417	34,123,198	153.	PARMA, OHIO.....	1,609,900	20,684,250	9,728,350
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.....	11,042,044	80,386,947	77,973,869	154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.....	3,091,135	22,439,953	34,610,010
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.....	11,237,256	28,256,232	24,612,553	155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA.....	7,394,117	50,516,546	34,786,629
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA.....	4,631,500	53,632,594	47,230,362	156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA.....	3,000,212	59,465,934	32,996,389
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS.....	23,882,300	128,312,785	80,304,901	157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.....	5,164,665	27,360,525	28,665,428
52.	AKRON, OHIO.....	10,258,619	35,209,566	32,846,527	158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO.....	2,305,345	27,440,212	24,005,911
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA.....	21,515,551	145,074,389	90,047,220	159.	IRVING, TEXAS.....	2,172,323	36,914,037	38,422,581
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.....	1,507,090	11,823,578	9,382,810	160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.....	4,716,890	4,336,186	2,936,186
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.....	25,550,560	200,138,498	146,781,065	161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.....	2,830,717	35,884,500	28,632,572
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS.....	39,393,700	294,089,841	242,353,675	162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA.....	9,060,442	75,193,713	91,768,537
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.....	3,446,632	30,779,204	35,970,273	163.	WACO, TEXAS.....	6,496,455	65,092,370	29,896,902
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.....	36,492,671	213,479,417	174,604,729	164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN.....	2,604,617	15,351,716	10,853,296
59.	DAYTON, OHIO.....	16,990,382	72,714,427	20,397,385	165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS.....	555,664	17,336,864	20,786,604
60.	CHARLOTTE, N.C. CAR.....	18,176,266	97,205,008	92,614,241	166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA.....	2,674,754	32,489,572	59,551,105
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA.....	5,120,565	56,243,568	54,632,320	167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO.....	6,938,212	50,082,936	53,153,914
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.....	21,527,317	128,302,682	94,707,566	168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.....	2,037,163	18,987,896	15,921,506
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK.....	9,077,598	14,819,404	14,819,404	169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.....	427,870	7,742,245	9,257,445
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA.....	9,427,282	72,286,933	44,483,137	170.	HOMALE, CALIFORNIA.....	523,300	4,099,670	10,968,090
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.....	10,527,773	45,667,387	19,491,233	171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.....	5,617,382	47,012,231	29,474,864
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.....	3,654,129	40,614,443	19,570,759	172.	UTICA, NEW YORK.....	1,436,434	7,995,322	5,899,545
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN.....	2,474,269	33,635,981	32,844,554	173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS.....	907,300	8,258,204	10,289,907
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA.....	16,846,566	70,111,299	58,863,964	174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS.....	29,558,579	210,010,776	193,034,701
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.....	7,194,118	78,070,033	58,040,153	175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS.....	2,871,988	22,465,315	32,842,811
70.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.....	1,085,892	5,736,445	10,446,007	176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS.....	741,215	7,734,111	4,530,832
71.	PORT WYOMING, INDIANA.....	1,515,700	19,049,135	20,266,790	177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA.....	874,831	14,228,304	13,763,997
72.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.....	9,809,722	46,432,690	66,825,011	178.	IRVING, TEXAS.....	4,361,903	42,879,401	64,325,214
73.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.....	10,749,050	49,981,740	62,145,160	179.	PASADENA, TEXAS.....	5,079,805	56,564,662	46,205,560
74.	GARY, INDIANA.....	525,611	12,352,225	7,484,079	180.	PASADENA, TEXAS.....	5,079,805	56,564,662	46,205,560
75.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.....	12,222,003	58,632,499	97,069,532	181.	BROOKTON, MASSACHUSETTS.....	5,814,566	49,709,659	49,709,659
76.	MADISON, WISCONSIN.....	4,302,601	44,524,471	52,271,466	182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.....	5,974,516	45,744,962	11,812,119
77.	VERGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA.....	21,710,821	175,660,339	180,807,983	183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.....	211,952	2,728,173	3,569,606
78.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.....	11,621,366	106,577,161	81,633,675	184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.....	2,856,300	18,333,018	15,377,565
79.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.....	3,142,407	41,688,751	57,797,377	185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.....	12,091,818	75,942,289	60,367,353
80.	ANNEHIM, CALIFORNIA.....	16,125,494	77,297,960	115,944,934	186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.....	521,800	3,424,000	3,389,400
81.	PRESIDIO, CALIFORNIA.....	15,666,250	157,101,379	136,458,196	187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS.....	971,002	7,193,586	7,324,095
82.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.....	11,514,530	118,254,233	103,207,076	188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN.....	5,019,870	47,142,781	26,345,114
83.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.....	1,364,180	39,546,479						

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A steep plunge occurred in the amount of plans filed by New York City builders, to \$65,581,478 from \$111,297,060 in the preceding month. This was the smallest volume since March for the five boroughs of New York. Furthermore, it fell 19.2 per cent short of the \$81,183,093 in plans filed in September 1978.

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During the first three quarters of 1979, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities totalled \$22,435,709,617, one-sixth more than the \$19,301,287,151 in the similar quarters of 1978. Of the 25 cities with the biggest aggregate volume, four did not share in this year-to-year gain while ten chalked up increases over twice the national average. Atlanta and Boston showed by far the strongest percentage growth in permit issuances from the previous year. In aggregate dollar amounts, the top five rankings remained unchanged: Houston, Los Angeles, Dallas, New York, and Chicago.

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February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	\$	\$25,466,047,087	\$20,994,132,022	\$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first nine months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Nine Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1. Houston, Texas.....	1693.0	+ 44.0
2. Los Angeles, California.....	1217.0	+ 13.1
3. Dallas, Texas.....	719.0	+ 17.2
4. New York, New York.....	674.9	+ 17.3
5. Chicago, Illinois.....	604.2	+ 40.7
6. San Diego, California.....	566.1	- 0.05
7. Phoenix, Arizona.....	535.5	+ 28.2
8. Seattle, Washington.....	391.3	+ 68.2
9. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	386.2	+ 47.6
10. San Francisco, California.....	380.0	- 2.8
11. Atlanta, Georgia.....	357.2	+ 124.9
12. San Jose, California.....	351.4	+ 29.8
13. Austin, Texas.....	327.0	+ 19.2
14. Columbus, Ohio.....	291.5	- 20.5
15. San Antonio, Texas.....	282.1	+ 55.7
16. Boston, Massachusetts.....	273.5	+ 118.1
17. Denver, Colorado.....	270.4	+ 22.7
18. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania....	258.1	+ 34.4
19. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	256.5	+ 11.2
20. Fort Worth, Texas.....	256.3	+ 28.6
21. Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	255.7	+ 26.3
22. Arlington, Texas.....	250.5	+ 17.5
23. Indianapolis, Indiana.....	249.6	- 42.5
24. New Orleans, Louisiana.....	228.3	+ 43.1
25. Sacramento, California.....	225.7	+ 39.4

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE	SEPTEMBER 1979	NINE MONTHS 1979	NINE MONTHS 1978	RANK BY SIZE	SEPTEMBER 1979	NINE MONTHS 1979	NINE MONTHS 1978
1. NEW YORK, NEW YORK*				101. ATLANTA, GEORGIA	5,092,652	50,717,529	49,515,546
MANHATTAN.....	14,390,544	302,721,351	337,727,304	102. EL PASO, TEXAS	524,300	14,589,245	15,590,044
BROOKLYN.....	30,595,146	115,926,204	98,745,253	103. COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	14,974,509	137,113,937	134,411,732
QUEENS.....	30,095,146	98,777,264	98,115,329	104. TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	1,290,735	2,111,130	2,111,130
RICHMOND.....	6,625,014	85,951,739	59,224,661	105. MONTAILEY, ALABAMA	5,457,300	7,866,202	81,650,508
TOTAL NEW YORK CITY...	65,081,478	674,470,709	575,263,436	106. Kinston-Salem, NO. CAR.	6,432,444	75,096,112	57,305,766
2. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.....	36,590,494	604,183,611	421,333,641	107. GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	4,637,330	98,719,779	74,564,737
3. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA...	121,795,374	1,218,953,647	1,075,570,511	108. LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,676,731	49,325,291	52,614,690
4. PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	91,973,376	251,121,461	191,930,091	109. ELIE, PENNSYLVANIA	1,531,770	19,290,059	12,147,530
5. DETROIT, MICHIGAN.....	26,556,773	150,730,361	122,634,635	110. AMARILLO, TEXAS	8,076,099	62,166,890	93,492,670
6. HOUSTON, TEXAS.....	131,751,227	1,693,046,507	1,175,633,329	111. PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,092,942	40,357,116	50,414,797
7. BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.....	45,121,475	149,870,657	247,002,540	112. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	16,956,563	187,000,119	177,363,500
8. DALLAS, TEXAS.....	56,520,309	219,590,571	169,201,427	113. TOLSON, N. CAR.	7,170,157	76,272,767	51,121,715
9. WASHINGTON, D.C.....	18,145,211	77,651,724	56,766,865	114. GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	552,206	87,254,291	46,150,440
10. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	29,583,491	249,603,969	433,760,197	115. WOOD, GEORGIA	2,225,730	12,151,355	10,751,713
11. MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN...	9,969,400	112,195,121	110,802,424	116. RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	2,630,015	55,210,116	32,694,154
12. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	56,791,132	379,976,933	391,120,783	117. SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,671,315	69,534,442	64,422,409
13. SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA...	169,765,190	566,143,524	566,391,895	118. OMAHA, NEBRASKA	5,106,644	51,797,959	52,490,290
14. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.....	40,146,299	292,063,611	181,211,795	119. SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	5,447,426	34,180,500	15,181,411
15. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS...	19,429,000	273,461,237	125,397,100	120. HERKLEY, CALIFORNIA	4,250,516	25,674,652	15,151,115
16. MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.....	31,817,536	159,874,236	159,675,628	121. HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.	3,040,540	59,051,733	59,222,540
17. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.....	15,016,532	97,044,165	87,427,692	122. BEAUMONT, TEXAS	4,343,244	59,799,355	59,799,355
18. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA...	19,514,653	229,320,455	159,592,446	123. ALBANY, NEW YORK	637,170	15,029,561	15,029,561
19. PHOENIX, ARIZONA.....	42,140,060	335,535,433	417,585,082	124. COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,357,433	14,625,445	15,151,115
20. COLUMBUS, OHIO.....	32,760,007	241,499,697	366,537,041	125. PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY	451,094	6,206,435	6,206,435
21. SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.....	41,425,359	391,270,203	232,652,864	126. INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,859,665	24,671,771	41,440,923
22. JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA...	16,657,170	167,605,064	177,712,005	127. PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	4,466,424	22,035,217	15,151,115
23. PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	7,076,692	96,221,227	61,700,732	128. ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	16,269,651	100,664,511	40,044,260
24. DENVER, COLORADO.....	16,317,043	210,571,409	220,360,137	129. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	1,564,666	49,104,620	49,104,620
25. KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI...	19,141,494	143,137,111	121,712,005	130. LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	7,795,157	79,153,444	54,459,411
26. ATLANTA, GEORGIA.....	13,891,144	143,137,111	121,712,005	131. CANTON, OHIO	5,499,446	26,711,264	16,192,222
27. BUFFALO, NEW YORK.....	7,235,734	24,330,516	36,422,322	132. ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,799,605	17,164,000	21,761,116
28. CINCINNATI, OHIO.....	16,405,051	164,050,419	101,304,004	133. STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,114,105	142,353,768	110,465,440
29. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE...	13,005,654	201,441,023	230,700,021	134. LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	12,374,122	10,425,544	6,810,810
30. SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.....	31,790,051	391,446,109	270,735,409	135. WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,917,732	21,517,502	8,661,937
31. MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA...	10,232,479	177,429,507	165,366,463	136. IRVING, TEXAS	20,767,795	151,266,462	127,306,126
32. FORT WORTH, TEXAS.....	31,546,174	256,214,410	190,332,779	137. HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	44,599,767	167,015,451	64,020,496
33. TOLEDO, OHIO.....	4,335,101	15,466,194	10,707,355	138. TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	301,495	4,444,171	4,742,670
34. PORTLAND, OREGON.....	15,357,390	115,320,374	100,677,355	139. SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	11,703,657	59,649,029	62,475,181
35. NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.....	640,500	17,876,324	14,003,056	140. DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,776,426	17,624,643	8,805,305
36. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	36,433,409	296,449,499	230,149,176	141. JOHNSTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,104,165	6,669,428	13,649,496
37. OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.....	7,775,304	4,806,414	4,806,414	142. SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	5,622,445	15,735,572	8,495,310
38. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY...	5,245,714	27,441,465	16,715,373	143. NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	8,275,400	129,477,500	121,717,500
39. LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA...	2,817,070	5,441,661	5,441,661	144. FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	2,136,719	20,571,470	21,599,137
40. OMAHA, NEBRASKA.....	11,002,197	106,201,336	75,130,370	145. BILTMORE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,125,145	26,484,374	20,665,109
41. MIAMI, FLORIDA.....	5,612,327	159,209,479	103,202,400	146. FARM, OHIO	5,330,100	24,014,350	11,150,255
42. TULSA, OKLAHOMA.....	35,794,000	214,435,052	125,025,442	147. ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	8,342,752	30,762,705	35,469,796
43. HONOLULU, HAWAII.....	50,122,851	306,137,104	261,664,071	148. ORLANDO, FLORIDA	4,354,857	54,871,428	41,537,372
44. EL PASO, TEXAS.....	23,462,399	190,604,255	176,547,994	149. DAVENPORT, IOWA	12,574,495	72,040,929	55,665,152
45. ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA...	11,000,757	114,604,213	13,643,433	150. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	19,400,596	111,501,121	73,266,525
46. NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.....	5,666,424	37,359,411	35,146,411	151. PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,349,561	29,786,779	26,851,851
47. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA...	16,695,276	17,002,221	17,002,221	152. IRVING, TEXAS	66,074,068	50,707,756	5,202,786
48. ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.....	5,245,714	11,301,477	21,677,092	153. FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	297,700	5,262,789	30,544,539
49. TAMPA, FLORIDA.....	11,563,611	106,196,212	94,865,135	154. SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	12,059,526	87,276,239	100,476,422
50. WICHITA, KANSAS.....	12,149,888	140,462,673	103,590,161	155. WACO, TEXAS	7,100,221	72,192,391	32,428,547
51. AKRON, OHIO.....	4,722,952	31,476,516	40,556,199	156. RACINE, WISCONSIN	1,214,161	16,765,575	13,030,991
52. TUCSON, ARIZONA.....	16,346,111	161,620,507	103,590,161	157. LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,416,865	10,753,729	21,553,250
53. JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY...	1,053,875	12,771,451	4,491,500	158. HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	7,137,679	59,621,506	62,079,470
54. SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA...	25,586,668	225,725,166	161,776,262	159. LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	5,015,570	55,161,506	55,161,506
55. AUSTIN, TEXAS.....	32,095,400	326,983,241	274,264,775	160. ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,476,250	15,451,137	17,792,465
56. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.....	4,323,369	35,102,942	34,702,747	161. NORFOLK, CALIFORNIA	1,476,250	15,451,137	17,792,465
57. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO...	42,244,542	255,721,059	222,349,054	162. SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	4,307,600	51,519,551	57,513,859
58. DAYTON, OHIO.....	5,245,714	19,249,304	10,692,512	163. UTICA, NEW YORK	180,150	7,275,492	5,179,542
59. CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	5,444,598	103,149,604	103,149,604	164. NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,010,393	11,269,097	15,190,672
60. ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA...	7,930,305	64,141,173	59,214,810	165. ARLINGTON, TEXAS	40,489,395	250,500,161	213,222,661
61. CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS...	6,272,125	136,594,007	104,275,509	166. DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,481,561	24,444,496	36,105,481
62. YONKERS, NEW YORK.....	1,017,509	1,175,117	1,175,117	167. LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	491,750	5,219,161	5,179,542
63. DES MOINES, IOWA.....	1,191,293	13,460,226	47,192,796	168. INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	4,176,304	47,051,705	61,410,937
64. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN...	3,492,226	49,549,613	39,526,235	169. ABILENE, TEXAS	4,263,434	46,274,644	51,503,807
65. SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.....	1,542,979	42,157,322	20,423,577	170. PASADENA, TEXAS	5,199,599	59,775,059	52,746,736
66. FLINT, MICHIGAN.....	2,853,534	36,489,515	41,917,121	171. BROOKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	631,444	12,832,150	12,588,474
67. MOBILE, ALABAMA.....	6,440,245	76,501,542	65,550,903	172. BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	7,046,524	52,791,486	53,491,850
68. SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA...	14,756,054	12,026,907	146,746,613	173. SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	4,546,674	3,102,447	4,407,145
69. WARREN, MICHIGAN.....	5,111,948	6,110,393	12,600,979	174. DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,099,135	19,432,155	16,600,168
70. PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	5,453,950	24,503,095	24,503,095	175. SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	52,050,069	125,992,356	100,002,499
71. FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.....	10,620,402	57,058,492	72,685,964	176. ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	1,127,700	4,511,700	5,901,600
72. WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,731,622	12,843,692	21,198,366	177. QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	536,950	7,736,736	7,736,736
73. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.....	15,229,792	115,211,522	76,388,115	178. MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,859,530	29,046,191	30,500,203
74. GARY, INDIANA.....	7,073,692	20,025,917	9,195,766	179. SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	5,692,655	64,536,790	121,655,888
75. KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE...	10,327,507	69,160,006	112,104,792	180. READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,406,845	7,811,044	11,598,154
76. MADISON, WISCONSIN.....	5,102,425	49,626,496	56,627,914	181. POMONA, CALIFORNIA	1,367,164	65,625,950	36,650,499
77. DAYTON, OHIO.....	23,535,644	191,043,963	122,020,413	182. MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	1,787,439	35,045,691	30,716,065
78. SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.....	11,059,191	119,635,339	88,514,624	183. WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,945,466	13,574,013	16,855,805
79. KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.....	7,444,830	49,533,591	61,187,374	184. SIOUX CITY, IOWA	2,706,869	22,225,058	14,154,756
80. ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA.....	62,093,304	139,561,544	132,653,908	185. FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	7,871,131	36,467,128	71,071,099
81. FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.....	12,216,587	169,319,966	155,783,527	186. NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	276,098	12,506,156	55,925,218
82. BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA...	20,059,246	138,312,479	113,244,585	187. KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	5,416,921	20,035,043	19,405,865
83. SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	7,819,909	47,566,386	14,713,997	188. ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	1,861,335	8,460,090	7,255,025
84. HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT...	16,031,544	50,766,288	39,690,015	189. PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	3,456,344	46,901,346	10,230,705
85. SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA...	6,423,629	64,095,072	87,074,063				
86. BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	2,276,635	15,091,963	12,200,709				
87. TACOMA, WASHINGTON.....	15,411,129	95,662,155	59,659,071				
88. COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.....	1,160,614	39,022,564	50,520,217				
89. JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.....	7,369,190	62,416,057	76,029,535				
90. LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.....	6,609,349	62,416,057	54,216,114				
91. LUBBOCK, TEXAS.....	9,165,666	61,755,434	105,413,524				
92. ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.....	4,513,530	40,453,776	29,088,325				
93. PATERSON, NEW JERSEY...	961,408	11,620,217					